

HOUSE No. 2143

By Ms. Grant of Beverly, petition of Mary E. Grant and Christine E. Canavan relative to the safe operation of trains. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Christine E. Canavan Teamsters Rail Conference,
Teamsters Rail Conference, by Daniel Lauzon
by George J. Neuman

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THROWING OBJECTS AT OR OTHERWISE INTERFERING
WITH THE SAFE OPERATION OF A RAILROAD CAR OR LOCOMOTIVE AND
THE SAFETY OF ITS PERSONNEL AND RIDERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 160 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 226 the following section:—
3 Section 226A. Any person who casts, shoots or throws anything
4 at, against or into any railroad car or locomotive, or places any
5 stick, stone or other substance upon any street railway track,
6 trolley track or railroad track, or who unlawfully climbs into or
7 upon any railroad car or locomotive, either in motion or standing
8 on any track in this state or who knowingly, purposefully or reck-
9 lessly disrupts, delays, prevents or interferes with the operation of
10 any train, subway, or the operating crew thereof, shall be punished
11 by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprison-
12 ment for not more than one year, or both. Any person whose vio-
13 lation of this section creates a risk of widespread danger or of
14 injury to any person or of damage to property or results in bodily
15 injury to another person shall be punished by a fine of not more
16 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than 2
17 years, or both. Any person whose violation of this section results

18 in serious bodily injury to another person shall be punished by a
19 fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment
20 for not more than 3 years, or both.